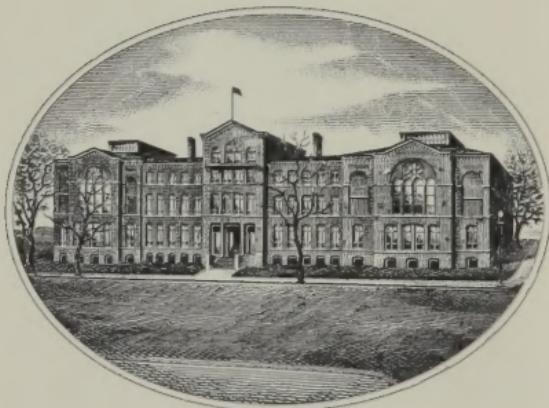




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CHARTER.

AN ACT FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA.

1. Whereas, the Physicians of Philadelphia, influenced by a conviction of the many advantages which have arisen from literary institutions, have associated themselves under the name and title of *The College of Physicians of Philadelphia*:
2. And whereas, the objects of this College are to advance the science of medicine, and thereby to lessen human misery, by investigating the diseases and remedies which are peculiar to this country; by observing the effect of different seasons, climates, and situations upon the human body; by recording the changes which are produced in disease by the progress of agriculture, arts, population, and manners; by searching for medicines in the American woods, waters, and in the bowels of the earth; by enlarging the avenues to knowledge from the discoveries and publications of foreign countries; and by cultivating order and uniformity in the practice of physic:
3. And whereas, the said College of Physicians have prayed us, the Representatives of the Freemen

of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that they may be created a body politic and corporate, forever, with such powers, privileges, and immunities as may best answer the laudable purposes which the members thereof have in view; wherefore, to assist and encourage the said College of Physicians, in the prosecution and advancement of useful knowledge for the benefit of their country, and of mankind,

4. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the members of the said College of Physicians, *that is to say*, John Redman, John Jones, William Shippen, Jun., Adam Kuhn, John Morgan, Benjamin Rush, Samuel Duffield, Gerardus Clarkson, George Glentworth, Thomas Parke, James Hutchinson, Robert Harris, John Carson, Benjamin Duffield, William W. Smith, John Foulke, Samuel Powel Griffitts, William Clarkson, William Currie, Benjamin Say, Andrew Ross, John Morris, Nathan Dorsey, James Cunningham, Caspar Wistar, Jun., Michael Leib, and John H. Gibbons, be, and the same persons are, and shall be, a body corporate and politic in deed and in name, by the name and style of "THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA," and by the same name, they and their successors are hereby constituted and confirmed one body corporate and politic in law, to have perpetual succession, and to be able and capable to have, hold, and enjoy any goods and chattels, lands, tenements, rents, hereditaments, gifts, and bequests,

of what nature soever, in fee simple, or for term of years, life or lives, or otherwise; and also to grant, sell, alien, assign, or let the same lands, tenements, and premises, according to the nature of the respective grants and bequests made to the said corporation, and of the estate of the said corporation therein; provided, that the amount of the clear yearly value of such real estate exceed not the sum of five hundred pounds, lawful money of this commonwealth.

5. The said corporation be, and shall be forever hereafter, able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice and other places, in all manner of suits, actions, complaints, pleas, causes, and matters of what nature or kind soever; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said corporation, forever hereafter, to have and use a common seal, and the same seal, at the will and pleasure of the said corporation, to break, change, alter, and renew.

6. For the well ordering of the said corporation and its affairs, there shall be, at all times hereafter, the following officers of the same; that is to say, one President, one Vice-President, four Censors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen, annually, from amongst the Fellows of the said College of Physicians, on the first *Tuesday in the month of July forever hereafter*,* or within one calen-

* By a decree of the Court of Common Pleas, Dec. 3d, 1855, the clause in Italics was altered to read as follows: *Wednesday in the month of January next, and annually thereafter.*

dar month after the same day, in any year; and that John Redman be the present *President* of the said College; John Jones, the present *Vice-President*; William Shippen, Jun., Adam Kuhn, Benjamin Rush, and Samuel Duffield, the present *Censors*; Samuel Powel Griffitts, the present *Secretary*; and Gerardus Clarkson, the present *Treasurer* of the said College; and shall be and remain the President, Vice-President, Censors, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively, of the said College, until they be superseded by a new election to be made by the Fellows of the said College as aforesaid; and all vacancies by death, resignation, or otherwise, which shall at any time hereafter happen in any of the said offices, may be filled by a special election, to be holden so often as occasion shall require.

7. The authorities and duties of the officers of the said corporation who are hereinbefore mentioned, and of any others which the said corporation shall see fit to appoint, the times of meeting of the said corporation, the admission of members, and the other concerns of the said corporation, shall be regulated by the by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation, heretofore made or to be made, touching the premises.

8. *Provided always*, That no by-laws nor ordinances of the said corporation, hereafter made, shall be binding upon the officers or members thereof, unless the same shall be proposed at one regular meeting of the said corporation, and enacted and received at another, after the intervention of at least

thirty days. And that no sale, or alienation, or lease for above three years, of any part of the real estate of the said corporation, shall be valid, unless the terms and nature of such sale or lease be proposed at a previous meeting of the said corporation.

Signed by order of the House,
RICHARD PETERS, Speaker.

Enacted into a law, at Philadelphia, on Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred eighty-nine.

PETER ZACHARY LLOYD,
Clerk of the General Assembly.

ORDINANCES AND BY-LAWS.

CHAPTER I.

MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP.

1. The College shall consist of Fellows and Associates.
2. The Fellows shall be practitioners of medicine, of good character and standing in their profession, residing within the city of Philadelphia, and over twenty-four years of age.
3. The Associates shall be distinguished practitioners of medicine, residing beyond the limits of the city.
4. No person who gives his support to any system of practice which is sustained by efforts to weaken or diminish public confidence in the science of medicine, or in the medical profession; or who, by advertisement or other means, announces his claim to superior qualifications in the treatment of diseases, or of a particular disease or class of diseases; or who holds a patent or a part of a patent for a surgical instrument; or who enters into a collusive agreement with an apothecary with a view

to pecuniary profit or to professional patronage; or who gives the formula of a prescription to one apothecary, which he refuses to give to others; or who deals in secret medicines, or publicly recommends them, shall be considered eligible as a Fellow or Associate of the College. And any Fellow or Associate who hereafter may be so engaged shall forfeit his right to membership, on the fact being reported, as established, by the Board of Censors. An appeal from the decision of the Censors is permitted in this, as in all other cases.

5. Candidates for Fellowship or Associateship may be proposed in writing, by three Fellows, at any stated meeting; but they shall be balloted for only at the stated meetings in January, April, July, and October; when, if four-fifths of the ballots cast be in their favor, they shall be pronounced duly elected: *Provided*, however, that there are present at the meeting at least twenty Fellows.

6. All pending propositions for Fellowship or Associateship shall be read at each stated meeting after presentation, including that at which the candidates are to be balloted for, until disposed of; but none shall be voted on when first presented.

7. No candidate who is rejected shall be again proposed within the twelve months following the date of such rejection.

8. The names of the persons proposed as candidates for Fellowship or Associateship shall not be placed on permanent record, unless the said candidates are elected. In case of the rejection of any

candidate, the paper containing his nomination shall be destroyed immediately after the ballot.

9. No person elected a Fellow shall be recognized as a member of the College until he shall have signed the Ordinances and By-Laws, and paid the initiation fee; and the omission of such signing and payment until the expiration of three months after his election, shall render said election void.

10. The *initiation fee* shall be twenty-five dollars, payable at or before signing the Ordinances and By-Laws. The *semi-annual contribution* shall be five dollars, payable in advance, at the stated meetings in January and July. To all semi-annual contributions remaining unpaid more than six months, *ten per cent.* shall be added.

11. Any Fellow who neglects or declines the payment of his semi-annual contributions for two successive years, shall forfeit his Fellowship: *Provided*, however, that if any Fellow shall be absent from Philadelphia, for twelve consecutive months or more, a deduction shall be made from the amount of his semi-annual contributions, corresponding to the duration of his absence.

12. No Fellow who may remove permanently from the City of Philadelphia, shall, in consequence of such removal, forfeit his Fellowship; but he shall be exonerated from the payment of the semi-annual contribution.

13. No Associate, who may come to reside within the limits of the City of Philadelphia, shall be admitted to Fellowship in the College without

being proposed and elected in the same manner, in all respects, as is prescribed for the admission of Fellows.

14. The number of Associates shall not exceed fifty, twenty of whom may be foreigners.

15. Associates shall have the privilege of attending the meetings of the College, but shall not be allowed to take any part in the transaction of its private business.

16. Every Fellow of the College shall receive a certificate of membership according to the annexed form, signed by the President, Vice-President, Censors, and Secretary, and having the seal of the College affixed thereto.

Nos, Præses, Vice-Præses, Censoresque Collegii Medicorum Philadelphiensis, omnibus ad quos hæc pervenierint, salutem.

*Testamur —————— virum doctum
et medicinæ peritum, nostri Collegii Socium ——————
adscriptum fuisse, omnesque ejus honores et privilegia,
jure riteque consecutum esse. In cujus rei fidem hisce
literis, Collegii sigillo munitis, nomina nostra subjici-
mus.*

Datum Philadelphiæ,

Anno Domini 18

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Præses.

V. Præses.

Secretarius.

17. No Fellow shall be permitted to vote at any election, whether of Officers, Fellows, or Associates, who has not signed the Ordinances and By-Laws, and paid the initiation fee, together with the semi-annual assessments due by him; and who has not attended at least *two stated meetings* of the College within the twelve months next preceding said election.

18. The signing of the Constitution adopted in 1788, shall be deemed equivalent to a subscription to the Ordinances and By-Laws of the College in force for the time being.

19. When the College is notified of the decease of one of its Fellows, the fact shall be entered upon the minutes, and a Fellow may be appointed to prepare and read before the College an obituary notice of the deceased.

CHAPTER II.

OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE AND THEIR DUTIES.

1. The officers of the College designated by its Charter, namely, a President, a Vice-President, four Censors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, shall be chosen annually, by ballot, on the first Wednesday in January, or within one calendar month thereafter. At the same time, and in the same manner, there shall be elected a Librarian, a Curator, a Recorder, and two Councillors.

2. The *President* shall maintain order at the

meetings of the College, and sign all warrants on the Treasurer, duly ordered by the College. He shall have power to call special meetings at his own discretion; and it shall be his duty to call them, when requested to do so in writing by six Fellows.

3. The *Vice-President* shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the latter officer, or at his request when present. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, a chairman for the meeting shall be appointed *vivâ voce*.

4. The *Censors* shall inspect the records and examine and audit the accounts of the College; upon which they shall report at the stated meeting in January. They shall hear and determine all charges, for breach of the regulations of the College, that may be preferred against a Fellow; and shall report their action thereon to the College at its next business meeting. In cases, however, where a Censor is one of the parties concerned, the charge shall be referred to a committee of three Fellows selected by ballot, who shall act as censors *pro hac vice*. An appeal from the decision of the Censors to the College shall always be allowed.

5. The *Treasurer* shall collect and receive all moneys due to the College; and shall pay them only upon a warrant ordered by the College and signed by the President, or by the officer who presided at the meeting at which the warrant was ordered; and these warrants shall be the vouchers for his expenditures. The Treasurer shall present a statement of the finances of the College, annually, at the

stated meeting in December, and at such other times as the College may direct.

6. The *Secretary* shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the College, and, after their approval, shall enter them in a book provided for the purpose. He shall keep a list of the Fellows and Associates, with a record of the residence, the date of the election, and the time of the death, resignation, or loss of membership of each. He shall have the custody, and see to the preservation of all books of records; and shall keep in regular files, properly labelled, all documents and papers, belonging to the College, not otherwise provided for. He shall notify the Officers and standing Committees of their election; also the Chairman of every Special Committee of his appointment, and shall furnish each Chairman with the names of his associates and a copy of the resolution under which they were appointed, together with the documents necessary for the proper performance of the duties imposed upon the committee. He shall furnish certificates of membership to newly-elected Fellows; and perform such other duties as are appropriate to his office, or which may be imposed upon him by any Ordinance or Resolution of the College.

7. The *Recorder* shall keep regular minutes of the scientific proceedings of the College, which are to be entered, after approval, and preserved by him in a book provided for the purpose. He shall take charge of all scientific papers read and intended for publication. He shall record all verbal communications

on professional subjects, and prepare a faithful summary of the remarks of the Fellows in the discussion of such subjects; which papers, and record of communications and remarks, he shall, under the direction of the Committee of Publication, arrange and prepare for publication in the Summary of the Transactions of the College.

He shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the Committee of Publication.

8. The *Librarian*, in conjunction with the Library Committee, of which he shall be a member, *ex officio*, shall attend to the preservation, arrangement, and numbering of the books belonging to the Library; and shall keep a record of the titles of the books presented to the Library, and report the new donations at each stated meeting of the College.

9. The *Curator*, who shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the Committee on the Mütter Museum, shall prepare and set up such pathological specimens as the Committee may deem worthy of a place in the Museum. He shall have the general care of the Museum. He shall label and keep a correct catalogue of the specimens presented to it, with the name of the donor conspicuously attached to each specimen, together with, as far as practicable, a record of the case from which the specimen was derived; and shall report the new donations at each stated meeting of the College. He shall attend at the Museum, for the accommodation of visitors and students, on such days in each and every week and during such hours as may be directed by the Committee on the Mütter

Museum. On such occasions he shall remove and replace specimens, afford all necessary information to students and other visitors, and prevent all improper conduct among those in attendance.

The Curator shall receive for his services the sum of \$300, annually, to be paid to him, by the Chairman of the Committee on the Mütter Museum, out of the income of the trust fund presented to the College by Dr. Mütter.

No Professor or Lecturer on Surgery or Medicine shall be eligible as Curator.

CHAPTER III.

THE COUNCIL.

1. The Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Censors of the College, with six Councillors—the last named being elected as follows: six Councillors at the stated meeting of the College in January, 1864, namely, two to serve for one year, two for two years, and two for three years; and annually thereafter, at the stated meeting in January, two Councillors to serve for three years.

2. The Council thus constituted shall hold regular meetings at such intervals, not exceeding three months, as it shall deem necessary. It shall elect from among its own members, a Chairman and

Clerk, keep correct minutes of its transactions, and regularly report the same to the College.

3. The Council shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the College, carefully consider all questions that may be referred to it, and report to the College, in writing, its decision thereon. It shall submit to the College, from time to time, for approval or rejection, such suggestions as it shall believe to be adapted to further the objects for which the College was organized, and to promote the interests of the College, generally.

CHAPTER IV.

MEETINGS.

1. The *Stated Meetings* of the College shall be held on the first Wednesday in every month, at eight o'clock P.M. At this hour precisely, or as soon thereafter as a *quorum*, consisting of seven Fellows, shall have assembled, the meeting shall be organized.

2. At the stated meetings the following shall be the *order of business*:—

1st. The minutes of the stated meeting of the month preceding shall be read for approval or correction.

2d. Newly-elected Fellows may be introduced.

3d. Donations to the Library and Pathological Museum shall be announced.

- 4th. Written communications will be received.
- 5th. Verbal communications will be made.
- 6th. The reports of Committees and of the Council shall be received.
- 7th. Motions and observations respecting the private business of the College may be made.

8th. Miscellaneous business may be transacted.

3. At the stated meetings in *January, April, July*, and *October*, the Candidates for Fellowship or Associateship may be balloted for after the third item of business has been transacted, provided there are present at least *twenty* Fellows.

4. At the stated meeting in *December*, the Treasurer shall present his annual report, and the President shall nominate a committee whose duty it shall be to report on the Meteorology and Epidemics of Philadelphia during the ensuing year.

5. At the stated meeting in *January*, after the third item in the order of business shall have been dispatched, the Censors, the Library Committee, the Committee on the Mütter Museum, and the Hall Committee, shall present their annual reports; the annual appropriations shall be made; and the Officers and Standing Committees of the College for the ensuing year shall be elected; after which, the business of the College shall proceed in the usual order.

6. At the stated meeting in *February*, the report on Meteorology and Epidemics shall be made.

7. At the stated meeting in *March*, of every *third year* after 1864, a lecturer on surgical pathology shall be nominated and appointed.

8. At *special meetings*, no business shall be transacted excepting that for which the said meeting has been called.

9. At the stated meetings of the College, excepting when propositions for Fellowship are to be acted upon, or during the consideration of the private affairs of the College, strangers may be introduced as Visitors by a Fellow, who shall be held responsible for the character and professional standing of the persons introduced by him.

CHAPTER V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. There shall be elected by ballot, at the stated meeting of the College in the month of January, annually, the following Standing Committees, namely:—

- I. A Committee of Publication.
- II. A Library Committee.
- III. A Committee on the Mütter Museum.
- IV. A Hall Committee.
- V. A Committee on Lectures.

2. The first and third of the said Committees shall consist, each of three Fellows, and the second, fourth, and fifth, each of five Fellows.

CHAPTER VI.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Publication to prepare and issue, from time to time, a Summary of the Transactions of the College. This Summary must comprise, 1. All written communications, the publication of which the Committee may deem expedient ; 2. A record of such facts in relation to Medicine, Surgery, or Obstetrics, as may be communicated verbally to the College by its Fellows; and, 3. An abstract of the discussions upon professional subjects of general interest occurring at the meetings of the College, together with all the other proceedings, of which the publication may be directed by the College or deemed expedient and proper by the Committee.

2. The Fellows will be expected, when requested by the Committee of Publication, to report for publication the verbal communications and remarks on professional subjects presented by them at the meetings of the College.

3. No paper read before the College shall be published as having been so read, elsewhere than in the Summary of the Transactions, without the consent of the majority of the Fellows present at the reading thereof—which consent shall be expressed by vote.

4. The Summary of the Transactions, as it is

published, shall be distributed by the Secretary of the College, without charge, to each of the Fellows and Associates.

CHAPTER VII.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

1. The Library Committee shall have a general supervision of the Library of the College, and shall report upon its condition, annually, at the stated meeting in January.

2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish the College, annually, at the stated meeting in January, a statement of the amount necessary to meet the estimated wants of the Library during the ensuing twelve months; whereupon such an appropriation, based upon this estimate, shall be made by the College as may be deemed compatible with the state of its funds. This appropriation shall be expended by the Librarian under the direction of the Library Committee.

3. It shall be the duty of a member of the Library Committee to attend in the Library daily (Sundays and legal holidays excepted) from 11 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of delivering books to the Fellows and receiving those returned, in accordance with the regulations embraced in Chap. XII.; also to afford facilities to Fellows who

wish to consult works in the Library. For these services he shall receive, annually, the sum of five hundred dollars.

CHAPTER VIII.

COMMITTEE ON THE MÜTTER MUSEUM.

1. The Committee on the Mütter Museum shall have a general supervision of the same, and shall take all such measures as may be deemed expedient for its preservation and increase.

2. Free access to the Museum and preparations shall be allowed, without charge or fee, to regular graduates or students of medicine who may desire to consult, study, draw, or describe any of the said preparations; and for their accommodation there shall be provided the necessary chairs, tables, pens, ink, and paper. Any other person shall be permitted to visit the Museum, on presenting a ticket of admission signed by a Fellow of the College. All admissions, however, are to be governed by such regulations as the College may deem necessary for the preservation of order.

3. The Committee shall not allow any article belonging to the Museum to be removed from the College building except for necessary repairs or preparation.

4. The Chairman of the Committee shall receive

the income of the trust fund presented to the College by Dr. T. D. Mütter; which income shall be disbursed by the Committee, under the supervision of the College, in accordance with the agreement made between the College and Dr. Mütter, as recited in the deed of trust to the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, executed by Dr. Mütter and wife, December the eleventh, A.D. 1858—namely: \$300 per annum, as a salary to the Curator, \$200 per annum as a salary to the Lecturer; the remainder of said income to be appropriated to the preparing, fitting up, keeping in order, increasing, and insuring of the pathological and anatomical preparations and specimens, illustrative of surgery and medicine, and of the drawings, models, casts and other like matters, which are intended to form the said Museum.

5. The Committee shall report, annually, to the College, at the stated meeting in January, the condition of the Museum; and from time to time shall suggest such measures as may be considered advisable to augment the value and usefulness of the collection. And semi-annually, at the stated meetings in January and July, the Committee shall render to the College an account of all the expenditures on account of the Museum and Lecturer; which account shall be referred to the Censors to be audited.

CHAPTER IX.

HALL COMMITTEE.

1. The Hall Committee shall have the charge and superintendence of the Hall of the College, subject to such instructions as the College may give from time to time by resolution and enactment. The Committee shall see that the Hall is kept, at all times, in good order and condition; that the preservation and security of all things contained in the several apartments thereof be constantly cared for; and that it be properly lighted and heated for the meetings of the College, and of such bodies and committees as may assemble stately or occasionally therein, in accordance with the instructions of the College.

2. It shall have power to allow to persons, societies, or associations, upon such conditions as the College may deem satisfactory, the use of such apartments in the Hall as the College may designate: *Provided, however,* that the occupation of such apartments in no degree interferes with the meetings of the College, or with its convenience generally.

3. The Hall Committee shall appoint a Janitor or Superintendent of the Hall, and shall see that he performs all the services that may be required of him promptly and faithfully.

4. It shall be the duty of the Hall Committee to procure all things necessary for carrying out the

purposes of its appointment: *Provided*, that the cost of these shall not exceed the sum of ten dollars within any one month; and that the Committee shall present to the College, at its next business meeting, the bills for articles thus purchased; whereupon, if the same be found correct, orders shall be drawn upon the Treasurer for their payment.

5. The Hall Committee may make all necessary rules for its own government: *Provided*, that the said rules be first approved by the College.

6. The Hall Committee shall present to the College, at the stated meeting in January, annually, a report of its proceedings, and of the condition of the Hall.

CHAPTER X.

COMMITTEE ON LECTURES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Lectures to present for appointment to the College, at the stated meeting in March of every third year after 1864, the name of a gentleman who is, in the estimation of the Committee, duly qualified to deliver a course of at least ten lectures on some point or points connected with surgical pathology; *Provided*, that the same lecturer shall not be nominated for two such successive terms of three years.

2. It shall be the further duty of the said Committee to determine the time for the delivery of the

said lectures, and the duration of the course; also to make all such arrangements as may be deemed necessary for advancing the objects contemplated in the establishment of said lectureship—namely: the promotion and diffusion of surgical knowledge.

3. The said lectures shall be delivered within the College building; and the use of the Museum shall be granted to the Lecturer for the purpose of illustration.

4. The Lecturer shall be permitted to charge to each person attending his lectures, a fee of five or ten dollars, as he may himself determine; but Fellows of the College shall be admitted gratuitously. He shall, moreover, grant ten gratuitous tickets to poor but well educated and moral students of medicine, whom he shall himself select.

5. The Committee shall see that the duties of the person who may be appointed to fill the lectureship are performed in a satisfactory manner, and in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into between the College and Dr. Mütter.

6. Upon the favorable report of the Committee, the College shall direct an order to be drawn upon the chairman of the Committee on the Mütter Museum in favor of said lecturer for the sum of \$200, to be paid out of the income of the trust fund presented to the College by Dr. Mütter; and the Committee shall see that each Fellow is supplied gratuitously with a ticket of admittance to the aforesaid lectures.

CHAPTER XI.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. The President shall appoint all Special Committees, unless otherwise ordered by a vote of the College.

2. The first named Fellow shall be Chairman of the Committee, and shall see that the duties enjoined on the committee are promptly and duly performed.

3. Special Committees shall report at the meeting immediately succeeding their appointment, unless it be otherwise determined by a resolution or law of the College; and failing to make a final report at the proper time, unless a satisfactory reason for such failure be given, they shall be discharged, and the matter dropped or referred to another committee, as the College may determine.

4. All reports of special committees shall be made in writing, and signed by a majority of the committee.

CHAPTER XII.

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LIBRARY.

1. The Fellows shall be allowed to take out such book or books belonging to the Library, as they may desire, with such exceptions, however, as from time to time the Library Committee may designate: *Pro-*

vided, that no Fellow shall be allowed to take out at any one time more than one folio or quarto, or two octavos or duodecimos, without special permission, as hereinafter stated; or to retain the same for a longer period without renewal than two weeks. A member of the Library Committee shall enter in a register to be kept for the purpose, the titles of the books taken out, with the name of the Fellow by whom, and the date at which, they were taken out.

2. Application for permission to take out more than the above specified number of books must be made in writing, stating the titles of the works desired; and must be approved by two members of the Library Committee.

3. If any Fellow retain the book or books delivered to him by a member of the Library Committee, longer than two weeks, without renewal, he shall pay a fine of twenty-five cents for every week the book or books are so retained.

4. No Fellow shall be entitled to the use of the Library until all fines due by him shall have been paid.

5. If a book be lost by a Fellow, he shall either replace it, or pay the value thereof, or of the set of books to which it belongs.

6. At the stated meeting in November, all the books shall be returned to the Library, to enable the Library Committee to make its annual report.

7. It shall be the duty of a member of the Library Committee, as soon as practicable after the receipt of the professional journals and of new pub-

lications generally, to make such arrangements as shall enable the Fellows to consult the same in the Hall of the College, and under such regulations as the Library Committee may adopt.

CHAPTER XIII.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. No question shall be considered open for discussion, except when brought forward by motion duly made and seconded, and then distinctly stated by the presiding officer. The name of the mover of each motion must be entered upon the minutes.

2. Every motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover, if the presiding officer or any Fellow request the same.

3. Any Fellow may call for the division of a question, provided it comprehend more than one distinct proposition. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out shall not preclude either amendment or a motion to strike out and insert.

4. The mover, with the consent of the seconder, may withdraw any motion previously to its amendment, commitment, or to the question upon its final passage being put by the presiding officer.

5. When a Fellow speaks, he shall stand up, addressing himself to the presiding officer, and confining himself strictly to the question under consideration.

6. No Fellow shall be interrupted while speaking, except by a call to order.

7. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order unless an appeal be made to the College; in which case the Fellow appealing shall first state his reasons for the appeal, and then the presiding officer his reasons in support of his decision; but no further debate shall be allowed.

8. No Fellow shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, without permission being granted him by the College.

9. Whilst a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received excepting to adjourn, to lay the subject upon the table, to postpone, to refer to a committee, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named.

10. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, except when the College is voting on another question, or while a Fellow is speaking.

11. A motion to amend an amendment is in order, but not one to amend an amendment to the amendment. The question on the amendment shall be decided before that on the main question.

12. No motion shall be received to postpone the motion under discussion for the purpose of introducing a substitute.

13. A motion for postponement shall preclude commitment; and one for commitment shall preclude amendment, also, a decision on the original question.

14. Motions for postponement, to lay upon the table, and for adjournment, shall always be determined without debate.

15. A motion which has been negatived, cannot be again brought forward at the same meeting, excepting upon a motion to reconsider.

16. No question shall be reconsidered, excepting on the motion of two Fellows who voted with the majority when the question was decided; and unless submitted at the meeting at which the same has been discussed.

17. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the largest sum, greatest number, and remotest period.

18. Two Fellows may demand the yeas and nays on any question which is not required to be decided by ballot, and have them entered upon the minutes. The presiding officer in such cases shall always vote last.

19. No order shall be taken upon the report of any special committee, excepting to refer it back to the committee, to lay it upon the table, or to obtain the sense of the College in relation to the resolutions appended thereto.

20. The presiding officer shall not discuss any subject while in the chair, but may assign his reasons on deciding a question of order. He shall have no vote excepting on a ballot, or upon a call for the yeas and nays.

CHAPTER XIV.

CODE OF MEDICAL ETHICS.

OF THE DUTIES OF PHYSICIANS TO THEIR PATIENTS,
AND OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF PATIENTS TO THEIR
PHYSICIANS.

ART. I.—*Duties of physicians to their patients.*

§ 1. A physician should not only be ever ready to obey the calls of the sick, but his mind ought also to be imbued with the greatness of his mission, and the responsibility he habitually incurs in its discharge. Those obligations are the more deep and enduring, because there is no tribunal other than his own conscience to adjudge penalties for carelessness or neglect. Physicians should, therefore, minister to the sick with due impressions of the importance of their office; reflecting that the ease, the health, and the lives of those committed to their charge, depend on their skill, attention, and fidelity. They should study, also, in their deportment, so to unite *tenderness* with *firmness*, and *condescension* with *authority*, as to inspire the minds of their patients with gratitude, respect, and confidence.

§ 2. Every case committed to the charge of a physician should be treated with attention, steadiness, and humanity. Reasonable indulgence should be granted to the mental imbecility and caprices of the sick. Secrecy and delicacy, when required

by peculiar circumstances, should be strictly observed; and the familiar and confidential intercourse to which physicians are admitted in their professional visits, should be used with discretion, and with the most scrupulous regard to fidelity and honor. The obligation of secrecy extends beyond the period of professional services; none of the privacies of personal and domestic life, no infirmity of disposition or flaw of character observed during professional attendance should ever be divulged by the physician except when he is imperatively required to do so. The force and necessity of this obligation are indeed so great, that professional men have, under certain circumstances, been protected in their observance of secrecy by courts of justice.

§ 3. Frequent visits to the sick are in general requisite, since they enable the physician to arrive at a more perfect knowledge of the disease—to meet promptly every change which may occur, and also tend to preserve the confidence of the patient. But unnecessary visits are to be avoided, as they give useless anxiety to the patient, tend to diminish the authority of the physician, and render him liable to be suspected of interested motives.

§ 4. A physician should not be forward to make gloomy prognostications, because they savor of empiricism, by magnifying the importance of his services in the treatment or cure of the disease. But he should not fail, on proper occasions, to give to the friends of the patient timely notice of danger when

it really occurs; and even to the patient himself, if absolutely necessary. This office, however, is so peculiarly alarming when executed by him, that it ought to be declined whenever it can be assigned to any other person of sufficient judgment and delicacy. For, the physician should be the minister of hope and comfort to the sick; that, by such cordials to the drooping spirit, he may smooth the bed of death, revive expiring life, and counteract the depressing influence of those maladies which often disturb the tranquillity of the most resigned in their last moments. The life of a sick person can be shortened not only by the acts, but also by the words or the manner of a physician. It is, therefore, a sacred duty to guard himself carefully in this respect, and to avoid all things which have a tendency to discourage the patient and to depress his spirits.

§ 5. A physician ought not to abandon a patient because the case is deemed incurable; for his attendance may continue to be highly useful to the patient, and comforting to the relatives around him, even in the last period of a fatal malady, by alleviating pain and other symptoms, and by soothing mental anguish. To decline attendance, under such circumstances, would be sacrificing to fanciful delicacy and mistaken liberality, that moral duty, which is independent of, and far superior to, all pecuniary consideration.

§ 6. Consultations should be promoted in difficult or protracted cases, as they give rise to confidence, energy, and more enlarged views in practice.

§ 7. The opportunity which a physician not unfre-

quently enjoys of promoting and strengthening the good resolutions of his patients, suffering under the consequences of vicious conduct, ought never to be neglected. His counsels, or even remonstrances, will give satisfaction, not offence, if they be proffered with politeness, and evince a genuine love of virtue, accompanied by a sincere interest in the welfare of the person to whom they are addressed.

ART. II.—Obligations of patients to their physicians.

§ 1. The members of the medical profession, upon whom is enjoined the performance of so many important and arduous duties towards the community, and who are required to make so many sacrifices of comfort, ease, and health, for the welfare of those who avail themselves of their services, certainly have a right to expect and require, that their patients should entertain a just sense of the duties which they owe to their medical attendants.

§ 2. The first duty of a patient is to select as his medical adviser one who has received a regular professional education. In no trade or occupation, do mankind rely on the skill of an untaught artist; and in medicine, confessedly the most difficult and intricate of the sciences, the world ought not to suppose that knowledge is intuitive.

§ 3. Patients should prefer a physician whose habits of life are regular, and who is not devoted to company, pleasure, or to any pursuit incompatible with his professional obligations. A patient should, also, confide the care of himself and family, as much

as possible, to one physician ; for a medical man who has become acquainted with the peculiarities of constitution, habits, and predispositions of those he attends, is more likely to be successful in his treatment than one who does not possess that knowledge.

A patient who has thus selected his physician, should always apply for advice in what may appear to him trivial cases, for the most fatal results often supervene on the slightest accidents. It is of still more importance that he should apply for assistance in the forming stage of violent diseases ; it is to a neglect of this precept that medicine owes much of the uncertainty and imperfection with which it has been reproached.

§ 4. Patients should faithfully and unreservedly communicate to their physician the supposed cause of their disease. This is the more important, as many diseases of a mental origin simulate those depending on external causes, and yet are only to be cured by ministering to the mind diseased. A patient should never be afraid of thus making his physician his friend and adviser ; he should always bear in mind that a medical man is under the strongest obligations of secrecy. Even the female sex should never allow feelings of shame or delicacy to prevent their disclosing the seat, symptoms, and causes of complaints peculiar to them. However commendable a modest reserve may be in the common occurrences of life, its strict observance in medicine is often attended with the most serious consequences, and a patient may sink under a

painful and loathsome disease, which might have been readily prevented had timely intimation been given to the physician.

§ 5. A patient should never weary his physician with a tedious detail of events or matters not appertaining to his disease. Even as relates to his actual symptoms, he will convey much more real information by giving clear answers to interrogatories, than by the most minute account of his own framing. Neither should he obtrude upon his physician the details of his business nor the history of his family concerns.

§ 6. The obedience of a patient to the prescriptions of his physician should be prompt and implicit. He should never permit his own crude opinions as to their fitness to influence his attention to them. A failure in one particular may render an otherwise judicious treatment dangerous, and even fatal. This remark is equally applicable to diet, drink, and exercise. As patients become convalescent, they are very apt to suppose that the rules prescribed for them may be disregarded, and the consequence, but too often, is a relapse. Patients should never allow themselves to be persuaded to take any medicine whatever, that may be recommended to them by the self-constituted doctors and doctresses who are so frequently met with, and who pretend to possess infallible remedies for the cure of every disease. However simple some of their prescriptions may appear to be, it often happens that they are productive of much

mischief, and in all cases they are injurious, by contravening the plan of treatment adopted by the physician.

§ 7. A patient should, if possible, avoid even the *friendly visits of a physician* who is not attending him—and when he does receive them, he should never converse on the subject of his disease, as an observation may be made, without any intention of interference, which may destroy his confidence in the course he is pursuing, and induce him to neglect the directions prescribed to him. A patient should never send for a consulting physician without the express consent of his own medical attendant. It is of great importance that physicians should act in concert; for, although their modes of treatment may be attended with equal success when employed singly, yet conjointly they are very likely to be productive of disastrous results.

§ 8. When a patient wishes to dismiss his physician, justice and common courtesy require that he should declare his reasons for so doing.

§ 9. Patients should always, when practicable, send for their physician in the morning, before his usual hour of going out; for by being early aware of the visits he has to pay during the day, the physician is able to apportion his time in such a manner as to prevent an interference of engagements. Patients should also avoid calling on their medical adviser unnecessarily during the hours devoted to meals or sleep. They should always be in readiness to receive the visits of their physician, as the

detention of a few minutes is often of serious inconvenience to him.

§ 10. A patient should, after his recovery, entertain a just and enduring sense of the value of the services rendered him by his physician; for these are of such a character, that no mere pecuniary acknowledgment can repay or cancel them.

OF THE DUTIES OF PHYSICIANS TO EACH OTHER, AND TO THE PROFESSION AT LARGE.

ART. I.—*Duties for the support of professional character.*

§ 1. Every individual on entering the profession, as he becomes thereby entitled to all its privileges and immunities, incurs an obligation to exert his best abilities to maintain its dignity and honor, to exalt its standing, and to extend the bounds of its usefulness. He should, therefore, observe strictly such laws as are instituted for the government of its members;—should avoid all contumelious and sarcastic remarks relative to the faculty as a body; and while, by unwearied diligence, he resorts to every honorable means of enriching the science, he should entertain a due respect for his seniors, who have, by their labors, brought it to the elevated condition in which he finds it.

§ 2. There is no profession, from the members of which greater purity of character, and a higher standard of moral excellence are required, than the medical; and to attain such eminence, is a duty

every physician owes alike to his profession and to his patients. It is due to the latter, as without it he cannot command their respect and confidence, and to both, because no scientific attainments can compensate for the want of correct moral principles. It is also incumbent upon the faculty to be temperate in all things, for the practice of physic requires the unremitting exercise of a clear and vigorous understanding; and, on emergencies, for which no professional man should be unprepared, a steady hand, an acute eye, and an unclouded head may be essential to the well-being, and even to the life, of a fellow-creature.

§ 3. It is derogatory to the dignity of the profession to resort to public advertisements, or private cards, or handbills, inviting the attention of individuals affected with particular diseases—publicly offering advice and medicine to the poor gratis, or promising radical cures; or to publish cases and operations in the daily prints, or suffer such publications to be made; to invite laymen to be present at operations, to boast of cures and remedies, to adduce certificates of skill and success, or to perform any other similar acts. These are the ordinary practices of empirics, and are highly reprehensible in a regular physician.

§ 4. Equally derogatory to professional character is it for a physician to hold a patent for any surgical instrument or medicine; or to dispense a secret *nos-trum*, whether it be the composition or exclusive property of himself or of others. For, if such nos-

trum be of real efficacy, any concealment regarding it is inconsistent with beneficence and professional liberality ; and if mystery alone give it value and importance, such craft implies either disgraceful ignorance or fraudulent avarice. It is also reprehensible for physicians to give certificates attesting the efficacy of patent or secret medicines, or in any way to promote the use of them.

ART. II.—Professional services of physicians to each other.

§ 1. All practitioners of medicine, their wives, and their children while under the paternal care, are entitled to the gratuitous services of any one or more of the faculty residing near them, whose assistance may be desired. A physician afflicted with disease is usually an incompetent judge of his own case ; and the natural anxiety and solicitude which he experiences at the sickness of a wife, a child, or any one who, by the ties of consanguinity, is rendered peculiarly dear to him, tend to obscure his judgment, and produce timidity and irresolution in his practice. Under such circumstances, medical men are peculiarly dependent upon each other, and kind offices and professional aid should always be cheerfully and gratuitously afforded. Visits ought not, however, to be obtruded officiously ; as such unasked civility may give rise to embarrassment, or interfere with that choice on which confidence depends. But, if a distant member of the faculty, whose circumstances are affluent, request attendance,

and an honorarium be offered, it should not be declined ; for no pecuniary obligation ought to be imposed, which the party receiving it would wish not to incur.

ART. III.—*Of the duties of physicians as respects vicarious offices.*

§ 1. The affairs of life, the pursuit of health, and the various accidents and contingencies to which a medical man is peculiarly exposed, sometimes require him temporarily to withdraw from his duties to his patients, and to request some of his professional brethren to officiate for him. Compliance with this request is an act of courtesy, which should always be performed with the utmost consideration for the interest and character of the family physician, and when exercised for a short period, all the pecuniary obligations for such service should be awarded to him. But if a member of the profession neglect his business in quest of pleasure and amusement, he cannot be considered as entitled to the advantages of the frequent and long-continued exercise of this fraternal courtesy, without awarding to the physician who officiates, the fees arising from the discharge of his professional duties.

In obstetrical and important surgical cases, which give rise to unusual fatigue, anxiety, and responsibility, it is just that the fees accruing therefrom should be awarded to the physician who officiates.

ART. IV.—*Of the duties of physicians in regard to consultations.*

§ 1. A regular medical education furnishes the only presumptive evidence of professional abilities and acquirements, and ought to be the only acknowledged right of an individual to the exercise and honors of his profession. Nevertheless, as in consultations the good of the patient is the sole object in view, and this is often dependent on personal confidence, no intelligent regular practitioner, who has a license to practise from some medical board of known and acknowledged respectability, recognized by the American Medical Association, and who is in good moral and professional standing in the place in which he resides, should be fastidiously excluded from fellowship, or his aid refused in consultation, when it is requested by the patient. But no one can be considered as a regular practitioner or a fit associate in consultation, whose practice is based on an exclusive dogma, to the rejection of the accumulated experience of the profession, and of the aids actually furnished by anatomy, physiology, pathology, and organic chemistry.

§ 2. In consultations, no rivalship or jealousy should be indulged; candor, probity, and all due respect should be exercised towards the physician having charge of the case.

§ 3. In consultations, the attending physician should be the first to propose the necessary questions to the sick; after which the consulting physician

should have the opportunity to make such further inquiries of the patient as may be necessary to satisfy him of the true character of the case. Both physicians should then retire to a private place for deliberation ; and the one first in attendance should communicate the directions agreed upon to the patient or his friends, as well as any opinions which it may be thought proper to express. But no statement or discussion of it should take place before the patient or his friends, except in the presence of all the faculty attending, and by their common consent ; and no *opinions* or *prognostications* should be delivered which are not the result of previous deliberation and concurrence.

§ 4. In consultations, the physician in attendance should deliver his opinion first ; and when there are several consulting, they should deliver their opinions in the order in which they have been called in. No decision, however, should restrain the attending physician from making such variations in the mode of treatment, as any subsequent unexpected change in the character of the case may demand. But such variation, and the reasons for it, ought to be carefully detailed at the next meeting in consultation. The same privilege belongs also to the consulting physician if he is sent for in an emergency, when the regular attendant is out of the way, and similar explanations must be made by him at the next consultation.

§ 5. The utmost punctuality should be observed in the visits of physicians when they are to hold

consultation together, and this is generally practicable, for society has been considerate enough to allow the plea of a professional engagement to take precedence of all others, and to be an ample reason for the relinquishment of any present occupation. But, as professional engagements may sometimes interfere, and delay one of the parties, the physician who first arrives should wait for his associate a reasonable period, after which the consultation should be considered as postponed to a new appointment. If it be the attending physician who is present, he will of course see the patient and prescribe; but if it be the consulting one, he should retire, except in case of emergency, or when he has been called from a considerable distance, in which latter case he may examine the patient, and give his opinion in *writing*, and *under seal*, to be delivered to his associate.

§ 6. In consultations, theoretical discussions should be avoided, as occasioning perplexity and loss of time. For there may be much diversity of opinion concerning speculative points, with perfect agreement in those modes of practice which are founded, not on hypothesis, but on experience and observation.

§ 7. All discussions in consultation should be held as secret and confidential. Neither by words nor manner should any of the parties to a consultation assert or insinuate that any part of the treatment pursued did not receive his assent. The responsibility must be equally divided between the medical attendants—they must equally share the credit of success as well as the blame of failure.

§ 8. Should an irreconcilable diversity of opinion occur when several physicians are called upon to consult together, the opinion of the majority should be considered as decisive; but if the numbers be equal on each side, then the decision should rest with the attending physician. It may, moreover, sometimes happen, that two physicians cannot agree in their views of the nature of a case, and the treatment to be pursued. This is a circumstance much to be deplored, and should always be avoided, if possible, by mutual concessions, as far as they can be justified by a conscientious regard for the dictates of judgment. But in the event of its occurrence, a third physician should, if practicable, be called to act as umpire; and, if circumstances prevent the adoption of this course, it must be left to the patient to select the physician in whom he is most willing to confide. But, as every physician relies upon the rectitude of his judgment, he should, when left in the minority, politely and consistently retire from any further deliberation in the consultation, or participation in the management of the case.

§ 9. As circumstances sometimes occur to render a *special consultation* desirable, when the continued attendance of two physicians might be objectionable to the patient, the member of the faculty whose assistance is required in such cases, should sedulously guard against all future unsolicited attendance. As such consultations require an extraordinary portion both of time and attention, at least a double honorarium may be reasonably expected.

§ 10. A physician who is called upon to consult, should observe the most honorable and scrupulous regard for the character and standing of the practitioner in attendance; the practice of the latter, if necessary, should be justified as far as it can be, consistently with a conscientious regard for truth, and no hint or insinuation should be thrown out which could impair the confidence reposed in him, or affect his reputation. The consulting physician should also carefully refrain from any of those extraordinary attentions or assiduities, which are too often practised by the dishonest for the base purpose of gaining applause, or ingratiating themselves into the favor of families and individuals.

ART. V.—*Duties of physicians in cases of interference.*

§ 1. Medicine is a liberal profession, and those admitted into its ranks should found their expectations of practice upon the extent of their qualifications, not on intrigue or artifice.

§ 2. A physician in his intercourse with a patient under the care of another practitioner, should observe the strictest caution and reserve. No meddling inquiries should be made—no disingenuous hints given relative to the nature and treatment of his disorder; nor any course of conduct pursued that may directly or indirectly tend to diminish the trust reposed in the physician employed.

§ 3. The same circumspection and reserve should

be observed when, from motives of business or friendship, a physician is prompted to visit an individual who is under the direction of another practitioner. Indeed, such visits should be avoided, except under peculiar circumstances; and when they are made, no particular inquiries should be instituted relative to the nature of the disease, or the remedies employed, but the topics of conversation should be as foreign to the case as circumstances will admit.

§ 4. A physician ought not to take charge of or prescribe for a patient who has recently been under the care of another member of the faculty in the same illness, except in cases of sudden emergency, or in consultation with the physician previously in attendance, or when the latter has relinquished the case, or been regularly notified that his services are no longer desired. Under such circumstances no unjust and illiberal insinuations should be thrown out in relation to the conduct or practice previously pursued, which should be justified as far as candor and regard for truth and probity will permit; for it often happens that patients become dissatisfied when they do not experience immediate relief, and, as many diseases are naturally protracted, the want of success, in the first stage of treatment, affords no evidence of a lack of professional knowledge and skill.

§ 5. When a physician is called to an urgent case, because the family attendant is not at hand, he ought, unless his assistance in consultation be desired, to re-

sign the care of the patient to the latter immediately on his arrival.

§ 6. It often happens in cases of sudden illness, or of recent accidents and injury, owing to the alarm and anxiety of friends, that a number of physicians are simultaneously sent for. Under these circumstances, courtesy should assign the patient to the first who arrives, who should select from those present any additional assistance that he may deem necessary. In all such cases, however, the practitioner who officiates should request the family physician, if there be one, to be called, and unless his further attendance be requested, should resign the case to the latter on his arrival.

§ 7. When a physician is called to the patient of another practitioner, in consequence of the sickness or absence of the latter, he ought, on the return or recovery of the regular attendant, and with the consent of the patient, to surrender the case.

[The expression, "patient of another practitioner," is understood to mean a patient who may have been under the charge of another practitioner at the time of the attack of sickness, or departure from home of the latter, or who may have called for his attendance during his absence or sickness, or in any other manner given it to be understood that he regarded the said physician as his regular medical attendant.]

§ 8. A physician when visiting a sick person in the country, may be desired to see a neighboring patient who is under the regular direction of another physician, in consequence of some sudden change or

aggravation of symptoms. The conduct to be pursued on such an occasion is to give advice adapted to present circumstances; to interfere no further than is absolutely necessary with the general plan of treatment; to assume no future direction, unless it be expressly desired; and, in this last case, to request an immediate consultation with the practitioner previously employed.

§ 9. A wealthy physician should not give advice *gratis* to the affluent; because his doing so is an injury to his professional brethren. The office of a physician can never be supported as an exclusively beneficent one; and it is defrauding, in some degree, the common funds for its support, when fees are dispensed with which might justly be claimed.

§ 10. When a physician who has been engaged to attend a case of midwifery is absent, and another is sent for, if delivery is accomplished during the attendance of the latter, he is entitled to the fee, but should resign the patient to the practitioner first engaged.

ART. VI.—Of differences between physicians.

§ 1. Diversity of opinion and opposition of interest may, in the medical as in other professions, sometimes occasion controversy and even contention. Whenever such cases unfortunately occur, and cannot be immediately terminated, they should be referred to the arbitration of a sufficient number of physicians or a *court medical*, or, where both

parties are members of the Medical Society of their County, to their Censors.

§ 2. As peculiar reserve must be maintained by physicians towards the public, in regard to professional matters, and as there exist numerous points in medical ethics and etiquette through which the feelings of medical men may be painfully assailed in their intercourse with each other, and which cannot be understood or appreciated by general society, neither the subject-matter of such differences nor the adjudication of the arbitrators should be made public, as publicity in a case of this nature may be personally injurious to the individuals concerned, and can hardly fail to bring discredit on the faculty.

ART. VII.—*Of pecuniary acknowledgments.*

Some general rules should be adopted by the faculty, in every town or district, relative to *pecuniary acknowledgments* from their patients; and it should be deemed a point of honor to adhere to these rules with as much uniformity as varying circumstances will admit.

OF THE DUTIES OF THE PROFESSION TO THE PUBLIC, AND OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE PROFESSION.

ART. I.—*Duties of the profession to the public.*

§ 1. As good citizens, it is the duty of physicians to be ever vigilant for the welfare of the community,

and to bear their part in sustaining its institutions and burdens; they should also be ever ready to give counsel to the public in relation to matters especially appertaining to their profession, as on subjects of medical police, public hygiene, and legal medicine. It is their province to enlighten the public in regard to quarantine regulations—the location, arrangement, and dietaries of hospitals, asylums, schools, prisons and similar institutions—in relation to the medical police of towns, as drainage, ventilation, etc.—and in regard to measures for the prevention of epidemic and contagious diseases; and when pestilence prevails, it is their duty to face the danger, and to continue their labors for the alleviation of the suffering, even at the jeopardy of their own lives.

§ 2. Medical men should also be always ready, when called on by the legally constituted authorities, to enlighten coroners' inquests and courts of justice, on subjects strictly medical—such as involve questions relating to sanity, legitimacy, murder by poisons or other violent means, and in regard to the various other subjects embraced in the science of Medical Jurisprudence. But in these cases, and especially where they are required to make a *post-mortem* examination, it is just, in consequence of the time, labor, and skill required, and the responsibility and risk they incur, that the public should award them a proper honorarium.

§ 3. There is no profession by the members of which eleemosynary services are more liberally dispensed than the medical, but justice requires that

some limits should be placed to the performance of such good offices. Poverty, professional brotherhood, and certain of the public duties referred to in the first section of this article, should always be recognized as presenting valid claims for gratuitous services; but neither institutions endowed by the public or by rich individuals, societies for mutual benefit, for the insurance of lives or for analogous purposes, nor any profession or occupation, can be admitted to possess such privilege. Nor can it be justly expected of physicians to furnish certificates of inability to serve on juries, to perform militia duty, or to testify to the state of health of persons wishing to insure their lives, obtain pensions, or the like, without a pecuniary acknowledgment. But to individuals in indigent circumstances, such professional services should always be cheerfully and freely accorded.

§ 4. It is the duty of physicians, who are frequent witnesses of the enormities committed by quackery, and the injury to health and even destruction of life caused by the use of quack medicines, to enlighten the public on these subjects, to expose the injuries sustained by the unwary from the devices and pretensions of artful empirics and impostors. Physicians ought to use all the influence which they may possess, as professors in Colleges of Pharmacy, and by exercising their option in regard to the shops to which their prescriptions shall be sent, to discourage druggists and apothecaries from vending quack or

secret medicines, or from being in any way engaged in their manufacture and sale.

ART. II.—*Obligations of the public to physicians.*

The benefits accruing to the public, directly and indirectly, from the active and unwearied beneficence of the profession, are so numerous and important, that physicians are justly entitled to the utmost consideration and respect from the community. The public ought likewise to entertain a just appreciation of medical qualifications; to make a proper discrimination between true science and the assumptions of ignorance and empiricism—to afford every encouragement and facility for the acquisition of medical education—and no longer to allow the statute-books to exhibit the anomaly of exacting knowledge from physicians, under a liability to heavy penalties, and of making them obnoxious to punishment for resorting to the only means of obtaining it.

CHAPTER XV.

REVISION AND ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES AND BY-LAWS.

1. No new or amended ordinance or by-law (see the last clause of the Act of Incorporation) shall be binding on the Officers or Fellows of the College, unless it shall have been proposed in writing and

subscribed by five Fellows, at one stated meeting, and enacted or passed at another, after the intervention of at least thirty days; and unless it shall then be passed by a majority of two-thirds, there being not less than twenty Fellows present.

2. Whenever a proposed alteration of the ordinances and by-laws is to be voted on at any meeting of the College, said action shall be announced by the Secretary in the notice for that meeting.

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ADAM KUHN, M.D.	1809.
THOMAS PARKE, M.D.	1818.
THOMAS C. JAMES, M.D.*	1835.
THOMAS T. HEWSON, M.D.	"
GEORGE B. WOOD, M.D.	1848.

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F E L L O W S .

							ELECTED.
*	John Redman	Jan. 1787.
*	John Jones	" "
*	John Morgan	" "
*	Wm. Shippen, Jr.	" "
*	Adam Kuhn	.	.	.	.	.	" "
†	Benjamin Rush	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	Gerardus Clarkson	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	Samuel Duffield	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	Thomas Parke	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	James Hutchinson	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	George Glentworth	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	Abraham Chovet	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	Andrew Ross	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	William W. Smith	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	James Hall	.	.	.	.	.	" "
†	William Clarkson	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	William Currie	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	Benjamin Say	.	.	.	.	.	" "
*	Samuel Powel Griffitts	.	.	.	.	.	" "

ELECTED.

* Benjamin Duffield	Jan.	1787.
|| John Morris	"	"
* John Carson	"	"
* John Foulke	"	"
|| Robert Harris	"	"
* Nathan Dorsey	April,	"
* John R. B. Rodgers	"	"
* Caspar Wistar, Jr.	"	"
* James Cunningham	"	"
* Charles Moore	"	"
* Michael Leib	March,	1788.
* John H. Gibbons	—"	"
* Nicholas B. Waters	April,	1789.
* Benjamin Smith Barton	"	1790.
* Thomas Redman	July,	1791.
* William McIlvaine	Nov.	"
* Plunket F. Glentworth	Sept.	1792.
* Hugh Hodge	Dec.	"
|| Charles Caldwell	July,	1795.
* John Cumming	Oct.	"
* Thomas C. James	"	"
* William Annan	June,	1796.
† Adam Seybert	Nov.	1797.
* William Boys	"	1798.
* Lewis J. Jardine	July,	1800.
* Joseph P. Minnick	Aug.	1801.
* Thomas T. Hewson	Dec.	"
* Nathaniel Chapman	Nov.	1807.
* Joseph Parrish	"	1810.
* Henry Neill	June,	1811.
* Samuel Stewart	July,	1814.
* Joseph Woollens	"	"
* Isaac Cleaver	Feb.	1815.
|| William P. C. Barton	June,	"
† Edwin A. Atlee	July,	"
* John Moore	Aug.	"
* Samuel C. Hopkins	"	1817.
† John Wilson Moore	Dec.	"

			ELECTED.
* Samuel Emlen	.	.	Aug. 1818.
* John C. Otto	.	.	March, 1819.
Elijah Griffiths	.	.	April, 1821.
* John Ruan	.	.	" 1823.
* Joseph Hartshorne	.	.	Dec. 1824.
* Henry Bond	.	.	July, 1825.
* Robert M. Huston	.	.	Sept. 1826.
* John Bell	.	.	Feb. 1827.
* Hugh L. Hodge	.	.	April, "
* Charles D. Meigs	.	.	" "
George B. Wood	.	.	" "
† R. La Roche	.	.	" "
Benjamin Hornor Coates	.	.	May, "
* John K. Mitchell	.	.	Aug. "
* Thomas H. Ritchie	.	.	April, 1828.
* Lewis P. Gebhard	.	.	" "
* William Darrach	.	.	May, "
* William S. Coxe	.	.	Jan. 1829.
* Franklin Bache	.	.	April, "
|| Joseph Togno	.	.	Dec. 1830.
George Fox	.	.	Sept. 1831.
* Charles Lukens	.	.	Feb. 1832.
|| Edward Y. Howell	.	.	June, "
* Theophilus E. Beesley	.	.	Oct. "
* Simon A. Wickes	.	.	Nov. 1833.
* Caspar W. Pennock (N. R.)	.	.	Sept. 1834.
* William W. Gerhard	.	.	" "
Thomas Stewardson	.	.	Jan. 1835.
William Ashmead	.	.	" "
|| Reynell Coates	.	.	Feb. "
John Marshall Paul (N. R.)	.	.	May, "
Joseph Pancoast	.	.	" "
Isaac Hays	.	.	Sept. "
John Rodman Paul	.	.	Feb. 1836.
† Charles Noble	.	.	March, "
* D. Francis Condie	.	.	May, "
Squier Littell	.	.	" "
* Thomas D. Mütter	.	.	" "

		ELECTED.
* Isaac Parrish		May, 1836.
|| David Rutter		Jan. 1837.
|| Frederick A. Vandyke		March, "
* Anthony Bournonville		May, "
W. S. W. Ruschenberger		April, 1838.
† Samuel Jackson		May, "
* Robley Dunglison		June, "
* Jacob Randolph		Dec. "
Joseph Carson		" "
Joseph Warrington (N. R.)		Jan. 1839.
* James H. Bradford		" "
Thomas S. Kirkbride		" "
* George W. Norris		" "
* Francis West		Feb. "
† Benjamin D. Neill		" "
|| Rush Vandyke		" "
Edward Peace		March, "
* Frederick Turnpenny		" "
* George M' Clellan		May, "
* William D. Brincklé		" "
* William Pepper		" "
* Edward Hallowell		" "
* Samuel Colhoun		Aug. "
* William H. Klapp		" "
Caspar Morris		Sept. "
* Carter N. Berkeley		June, 1840.
* Joseph Peace		Oct. "
William S. Zantzinger (N. R.)		Nov. "
* David C. Skerrett (N. R.)		Dec. "
|| W. Poyntell Johnson		" "
† Henry H. Smith		Jan. 1842.
Charles Evans		April, "
† Caspar Wistar		" "
Gotthilf Moehring		June, "
Robert Bridges		July, "
Meredith Clymer (N. R.)		" "
John D. Griscom		Aug. "
* Thomas Dillard		Nov. "

					ELECTED.	
* Paul Beck Goddard	.	.	.	.	Nov.	1842.
Alfred Stillé	.	.	.	.	Dec.	"
John J. Reese	.	.	.	.	"	"
John Forsyth Meigs	.	.	.	.	June,	1843.
† John Wiltbank	.	.	.	.	"	"
* Henry S. Patterson	.	.	.	.	Aug.	"
Lewis Rodman	.	.	.	.	Nov.	"
* George L. Newbold	.	.	.	.	"	"
William Byrd Page	.	.	.	.	Dec.	"
Charles R. King (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	"	1844.
* David H. Tucker (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	"	"
* T. R. Brincklé	.	.	.	.	Jan.	1845.
* Samuel G. Morton	.	.	.	.	"	"
Francis G. Smith, Jr.	.	.	.	.	May,	"
|| Mahlon P. Hutchinson	.	.	.	.	Sept.	"
* Benjamin S. Janney	.	.	.	.	"	"
† Alexander Wilcocks	.	.	.	.	April,	1846.
* Victor L. Godon	.	.	.	.	June,	"
Thomas F. Betton	.	.	.	.	"	"
* Morris C. Shallcross	.	.	.	.	"	"
* William R. Grant	.	.	.	.	"	"
* Joshua M. Wallace	.	.	.	.	"	"
Washington L. Atlee	.	.	.	.	"	"
John Neill	.	.	.	.	Aug.	"
Henry Gibbons (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	"	"
Anthony E. Stocker	.	.	.	.	Dec.	"
J. Dickinson Logan (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	Feb.	1847.
* Gouverneur Emerson	.	.	.	.	"	"
Edward Hartshorne	.	.	.	.	April,	"
* Moreton Stillé	.	.	.	.	Dec.	"
Caspar Wister	.	.	.	.	Jan.	1848.
Robert A. Given (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	"	"
Joseph Klapp	.	.	.	.	April,	"
* Samuel Jackson (Prof.)	.	.	.	.	Nov.	"
Samuel Lewis	.	.	.	.	Feb.	1849.
Justus Dunott (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	"	"
* Samuel L. Hollingsworth	.	.	.	.	April,	"
John Hastings (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	"	"

ELECTED.

* James M. Greene		April,	1849.
John L. Ludlow		June,	"
* John H. B. McClellan		July,	"
William V. Keating		"	"
* D. Paul Lajus		"	"
† John K. Mason		"	"
* William B. Wilson		Oct.	"
* Edmund Lang		Nov.	"
Thomas S. Reed		"	"
Richard H. Townsend		Feb.	1850.
* Isaac Remington		March,	"
* John B. Tuft (N. R.)		"	"
Edward H. Mayer (N. R.)		Oct.	"
William R. Bullock (N. R.)		Jan.	1851.
John B. Biddle		"	"
* Robert P. Thomas		"	"
* Henry E. Drayton		April,	"
* Bernard Henry		"	"
† James J. Levick		"	"
Joseph Leidy		"	"
* Wilson Jewell		July,	"
Ellwood Wilson		"	"
Henry Hartshorne (N. R.)		Oct.	"
† William Keller.		Jan.	1852.
* William Mayburry		"	"
Alfred L. Kennedy		"	"
Ellerslie Wallace		"	"
* Thomas H. Yardley		"	"
Fitz William Sargent (N. R.)		April,	"
Thomas Hewson Bache		"	"
* James V. Emlen		"	"
* Joseph Hopkinson		"	"
Owen Jones Wister		"	"
William H. Hooper		"	"
Henry Tiedemann		July,	"
* Jonathan M. Allen (N. R.)		"	"
James L. Tyson (N. R.)		Oct.	"
James E. Rhoads		Jan.	1853.

					ELECTED.
Addinell Hewson	.	.	.	.	Jan. 1853.
* David Gilbert	.	.	.	.	Oct. "
B. Howard Rand	.	.	.	.	" "
W. P. Tilden (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	Jan. 1854.
* G. Herman Robinett	.	.	.	.	April, "
William Hunt	.	.	.	.	" "
R. A. F. Penrose	.	.	.	.	" "
* Richard Clements	.	.	.	.	July, "
William H. Gobrecht (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	" "
Joseph Parrish (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	Oct. "
William D. Stroud	.	.	.	.	Jan. 1855.
Nathan L. Hatfield	.	.	.	.	" "
Francis W. Lewis	.	.	.	.	July, "
S. Weir Mitchell	.	.	.	.	Jan. 1856.
R. K. Smith (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	April, "
* William N. Johnson	.	.	.	.	" "
J. Cheston Morris	.	.	.	.	Oct. "
James Aitken Meigs	.	.	.	.	" "
John H. Brinton	.	.	.	.	" "
Alfred M. Slocum	.	.	.	.	Jan. 1857.
Alfred Green	.	.	.	.	" "
Samuel D. Gross	.	.	.	.	" "
Walter F. Atlee	.	.	.	.	April, "
Robert E. Rogers	.	.	.	.	" "
Thos. G. Richardson (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	" "
James M. Corse (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	Oct. "
John H. Packard	.	.	.	.	July, 1858.
J. M. Da Costa	.	.	.	.	Oct. "
† S. Henry Dickson	.	.	.	.	Jan. 1859.
D. Hayes Agnew	.	.	.	.	" "
James Darrach	.	.	.	.	April, "
William A. Hammond (N. R.)	.	.	.	.	July, "
Charles S. Boker	.	.	.	.	" "
† William Hembel Taggart	.	.	.	.	" "
* A. Owen Stillé	.	.	.	.	" "
* Augustine H. Fish	.	.	.	.	" "
Henry D. Benner	.	.	.	.	April, 1860.
William R. Dunton	.	.	.	.	" "

ELECTED.

Charles Stewart Wurts	Oct.	1860.
Thos. G. Morton	July,	1861.
William S. Forbes	April,	1862.
* C. Pendleton Tutt	"	"
Robert P. Harris	"	"
* John F. Lamb	Jan.	1863.
James H. Hutchinson	"	"
Edward A. Page	"	"
A. Douglass Hall	"	"
Lewis D. Harlow	"	"
H. Lenox Hodge	April,	"
Albert H. Smith	"	"
W. Lehman Wells	"	"
David Burpee	"	"
Richard J. Dunglison	"	"
George R. Morehouse	July,	"
W. Kent Gilbert	"	"
* J. Hamilton Slack	"	"
John Ashhurst, Jr.,	"	"
A. K. Smith, U. S. A.	Oct.	"
Edward A. Spooner	Jan.	1864.
Albert Fricke	"	"
William H. Granger	"	"
William H. Pancoast	"	"
William M. King, U. S. N.	"	"
J. M. Leedom	April,	"
R. N. Downs	"	"
E. L. Duer	"	"
S. P. Jones	"	"
Winthrop Sargent	"	"
E. B. Vandyke	"	"
Hilborne West	July,	"
Edward A. Smith	"	"
Edward Livezey	"	"
F. H. Getchell	"	"
* A. A. Henderson, U. S. N.	"	"
Robert Bolling	"	"
John L. Le Conte	Oct.	"

			ELECTED.
William Moss	.	.	Oct. 1864.
* Lewis Taylor, U. S. A.	.	.	Jan. 1865.
Isaac I. Hayes (N. R.)	.	.	" "
George C. Harlan	.	.	" "
Horatio C. Wood, Jr.	.	.	April, "
Samuel Ashhurst	.	.	" "
Isaac Norris, Jr.	.	.	" "
George Hamilton	.	.	" "
Andrew Nebinger	.	.	" "
C. Percy La Roche (N. R.)	.	.	July, "
* Edwin Scholfield	.	.	" "
William F. Norris	.	.	Jan. 1866.
J. J. Black (N. R.)	.	.	April, "
F. F. Maury	.	.	" "
† Louis Fassitt	.	.	" "
R. B. Cruice	.	.	" "
Thomas B. Reed	.	.	" "
James Tyson	.	.	" "
Williard Darrach	.	.	Oct. "
D. F. Woods	.	.	" "
C. Schaffer	.	.	" "
Emil Fischer	.	.	" "
Chas. H. Boardman (N. R.)	.	.	Jan. 1867.
Harrison Allen	.	.	" "
W. W. Keen	.	.	" "
H. Earnest Goodman	.	.	" "
Charles H. Thomas	.	.	" "
R. R. Taylor	.	.	" "
* Edward Rhoads	.	.	" "
* George Pepper	.	.	April, "
Jacob Roberts	.	.	" "
Oliver A. Judson	.	.	Oct. "
George H. Horn	.	.	" "
Horace Williams	.	.	Jan. 1868.
D. Murray Cheston	.	.	" "
William Goodell	.	.	April, "
Samuel B. Howell	.	.	" "
James Cummiskey	.	.	" "

ELECTED.

William Pepper		April, 1868.
E. B. Shapleigh	" "	
Isaac Ray	July,	"
Ferdinand A. Hassler	" "	
Thaddeus L. Leavitt	" "	
Samuel W. Gross	Oct.	"
Thomas J. Yarrow	" "	
J. Ewing Mears	" "	
Horace Y. Evans	" "	
T. Hollingsworth Andrews	Jan.	1869.
Jos. G. Richardson	" "	
William Thomson	April,	"
Horace Binney Hare	" "	
Herbert Norris	July,	"
John S. Parry	Jan.	1870.
* William S. Halsey	" "	
* Frederic W. Lewis	" "	
William B. Corbit (N. R.)	" "	
Henry S. Schell	" "	
Henry R. Silliman	" "	
John C. Norris	" "	
John M. Adler	April,	"
Francis G. Smyth	" "	
C. H. Burnett	July,	"
L. J. Deal (N. R.)	" "	
W. H. Ford	" "	
E. B. Gardette	" "	
R. M. Townsend	" "	
A. Paul Turner	" "	
M. J. Grier	Oct.	"
L. A. Duhring	Jan.	1871.
J. A. M'Ferran	" "	
Charles T. Hunter	" "	
James V. Ingham	" "	
Thomas Wistar	" "	
J. Solis Cohen	April,	"
John H. Grove	" "	
* Lucius S. Bolles	" "	

	ELECTED.
W. F. Jenks	April, 1871.
Thos. R. Dunglison (N. R.)	July, "
George Strawbridge	" "
R. M. Bertolet	" "
Elliott Richardson	Oct. "
Wm. Ashbridge	Jan. 1872.
R. A. Cleemann	" "
W. H. Finn	" "
I. Minis Hays	" "
A. G. B. Hinkle	" "
Wm. G. Porter	" "
Wharton Sinkler	April, "
Oscar H. Allis	" 1873.
H. F. Baxter	" "
Leonardo S. Clark	" "
W. R. Cruice	" "
George S. Gerhard	" "
James Simpson	" "
Richard Thomas	" "
W. H. Wallace	" "
Arthur Van Harlingen	Oct. "
A. C. W. Beecher	Jan. 1874.
A. C. Deakyne	" "
J. C. Wilson	" "
W. H. Bennett	April, "
Wm. H. Webb	Jan. 1875.
Louis Starr	April, "
Theodore F. Seyfert	" "
Arthur V. Meigs	" "

ASSOCIATES.

AMERICAN.

	ELECTED.
* Nicholas Way, Wilmington, Del.	1790.
* James Tilton, Dover, Del.	"
* Isaac Senter, Newport, R. I.	"
* David Hosack, New York	1800.

	ELECTED.
* Samuel Bard, New York	1811.
Jacob Bigelow, Boston, Mass.	1821.
* Daniel Drake, Cincinnati, O.	1830.
* Reuben D. Mussey, Cincinnati, O.	1835.
* John Revere, New York	1836.
* George Cheyne Shattuck, Boston, Mass.	1839.
* Theodosic R. Beck, Albany, N. Y.	"
* Frederick S. Eckard	1840.
Peter Parker, China	1842.
* Benjamin W. Dudley, Lexington, Ky.	"
Nathan R. Smith, Baltimore, Md.	"
* John Hubbard, Hallowell, Me.	"
* Thomas Sewall, Washington, D. C.	"
* John Ware, Boston, Mass.	"
* Amos Twitchell, Keene, N. H.	1843.
* N. D. Benedict, E. Florida	1845.
* John C. Warren, Boston, Mass.	1846.
Richard D. Arnold, Savannah, Ga.	"
John L. Atlee, Lancaster, Pa.	1847.
* Jonathan Knight, New Haven, Ct.	"
* Alexander H. Stevens, New York	"
* James McNaughton, Albany, N. Y.	"
* Beverly R. Wellford, Fredericksburg, Va.	1850.
* Henry Miller, Louisville, Ky.	1861.
Austin Flint, Sr., New York	1868.
Frank H. Hamilton, New York	"
* Wilmer Worthington, Westchester, Pa.	"

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* Peter Renaudet, Bristol, Eng.	1795.
* William Patterson, Londonderry, Ireland	1798.
* John Coakley Lettsom, London, Eng.	1802.
* P. Ch. A. Louis, Paris, France	1835.
* Jonathan Pereira, London, Eng.	1848.
Robert Christison, Edinburgh, Scotland	"
Archibald Hall, Canada	1852.
Fleetwood Churchill, Dublin, Ireland	1853.

	ELECTED.
John M. Lever, London, Eng.	1854.
E. Gintrac, Bordeaux, France	1857.
Gaetano Valery, Florence, Italy	"
Hermann Walther, Dresden, Saxony	1860.
Pedro Gonzales Velasco, Madrid, Spain	1861.
R. G. H. Butcher, Dublin, Ireland	1865.
G. H. B. Macleod, Edinburgh, Scotland	"
Th. de Valcourt, Cannes, France	1869.
P. F. Da Costa Alvarenga, Lisbon, Portugal	"
W. Boeck, Christiania, Norway	1872.
Henry W. Acland, Oxford, Eng.	1873.
John W. Ogle, London, Eng.	"
Thomas B. Peacock, London, Eng.	"
Sir James Paget, London, Eng.	1874.
J. Hughlings Jackson, London, Eng.	"

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